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Our Docket # F-423

Enclosed please find a response to the June 22, 2005 Office Action in the above referenced application.

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Title: SYSTEM FOR DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF HARMFUL
MATERIALS IN INCOMING MAIL STREAM

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.


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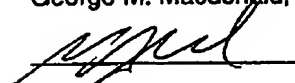
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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the June 22, 2005 Office Action ("Office Action"). A response is due September 22, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The following sections are enclosed:

1. Amendments to the claims; and
2. Remarks.

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